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Atty's Docket No.: 101195-18

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Examiner : A. Chakrabarti
Group Art Unit : 1655
Applicant : Timo Hillebrand
Serial Number : 09/454,740
Filed : December 6, 1999
For : Formulations and Method for Isolating Nucleic Acids
from Optional Complex Starting Materials and Subsequent
Complex Gene Analysis

Petition for Extension of Time
Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Hon. Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

The undersigned respectfully petitions for an extension of the term of one month expiring on November 20, 2000. Please charge deposit account no. 14-1263 in the amount of \$55.00, applicant being entitled to small entity status.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 14-1263, to make this response time.

A response to the official action of July 20, 2000 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
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